



Fire Marshal's Notice

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State Fire Marshal Announces Amendments to the Texas Fire Alarm Rules

The following is a synopsis of some of the substantive changes to the Fire Alarm Rules. The Commissioner of Insurance, through the State Fire Marshal, has amended the Fire Alarm Rules in order to resolve inconsistencies within the rules, update obsolete statutory references, and clarify the intent of the rules to better reflect statutory purpose. The new rules took effect July 29, 2014 - Commissioner's Order No. 3381.

28 TAC §§ 34.600 the Fire Alarm Rules (effective 7/29/2014)

- §34.604. **Exceptions.** added language to clarify that professional engineers are exempt from licensing requirements only and are still responsible to ensure that planning and installation complies with adopted standards
- §34.607. **Adopted Standards** updated to most current editions, includes NFPA 72 (2013)
- §34.611.(f)(1) **Licenses and Approvals** added language that licensees cannot work with expired license
- §34.613.(c)(1)(A) **Instructor and Training School Approvals** amended to include residential fire alarm superintendent and fire alarm technician as eligible instructors for residential course
- §34.620. **Installation Labels.** deleted separate label for 1- and 2- family residences.
- §34.623.(a) **Yellow Labels.** removed language regarding standards that were "adopted at the time the system was installed"

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